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Preparation and filing of original U.S.
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Title : Application of Remote Nitrogen Plasmas to Controllably Etch Gate Oxide

Docket No. : 99-039

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LSI Attorney : Ralph Vesell, Ph: 408/433-6404, MS D-106

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Dear Mr. John P. Taylor,

This is an authorization for the following task for the above identified application in accordance with our directions - Preparation and filing of original U.S. patent application in USPTO.

The billing code for the task is :

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The maximum authorized amount for the task is :

\$5,500.00

As always, thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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